

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL COMMAND CENTER
CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
9600 Dyer
El Paso, Texas 79924**

January 14, 2014

Co-Chairman, Brooks Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Brooks led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Committee Members Present:

*Commander Zina Silva
Brooks Dawson – Co-Chairman
Carol J. Mesler - Secretary*

Board Members Present:

<i>Inge Anton</i>	<i>Jose Rubio</i>
<i>Regina Arnold</i>	<i>Jessie Ruelas</i>
<i>Leslie Canada</i>	<i>Bill Schultheiss</i>
<i>Magnolia Curtis</i>	<i>Fred Shuford</i>
<i>Gus Hebrok</i>	<i>Carmen Torrez</i>
<i>Gloria Rubio</i>	<i>Lt. Eddie Valencia</i>

Board Members Absent:

<i>George Anton (excused)</i>	<i>Brian Haggerty</i>
<i>Dale Baugh (excused)</i>	
<i>Pat Baugh (excused)</i>	

Introduction of Guests:

Brooks introduced the Officer of the 4th Quarter 2013 Edward Granados and his wife Katherine, Assistant Chief Pete Pacillas, Lt. Eric Watts, Rick Canada, several apartment managers, Lois Bates, Shirley Harris and Karen Weaver.

Recognition of Officer of 4th Quarter 2013:

Lt. Watts gave a brief summary of Sgt. LeGloahec's letter of commendation letter; Brooks then presented Officer Granados with the CAB certificate along with sponsorships from:

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Arby's, AutoZone, Carino's Italian Grill, Carmike Cinema, Cascade Car Wash, Casita Linda Mexican Restaurant, Chili's, Cici's Pizza, Dairy Queen-Fairbanks, Denny's Restaurants-Trans. Mt. & Dyer, Destiny Family Christian Center, EP Fitness, Firestone Tire & Service Ctr; Golden Corral Steakhouse, Co., Howah Restaurant, I Hop, Jerry's Automotive, Long John Silver's, Lowe's Home Improvement, Martin Tire, Papa John's Pizza, Peter Piper Pizza, Roca Fitness Center, Sam's China Bistro, Sonic Drive-In, State Farm Insurance-Rick Altheide, Sun City Security-Jessie Ruelas, Touch Day Spa, Village Inn-Airway and Hondo Pass, Walgreen's-Kenworthy, Wing Daddy's and Wal-Mart-Trans Mt. & Hondo Pass.

Chief's Report:

Assistant Chief Pete Pacillas introduced himself, stating he is now over NERC. He has been with the Department for 29 years. He commended Officer Granados for his service.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of December 10, 2013 as presented; motion carried.

Commander's Report:

Commander Silva introduced Lt. Watts as a newly promoted lieutenant. Last year ended up -7%. El Paso is still the safest city 4th year in a row with over 500,000 population. A focus on customer service started in September, 2013. Crime has been reduced in every area except robberies; however, crime is up around Andress H.S. in that car windows are being shot out. Another Citizens Academy will be starting soon. The HEAT program has been disbanded – remove vehicle stickers. We will have Mark Weber from City Community and Human Development, to be guest speaker for our February CAB meeting. He works very closely with neighborhood associations, but is interested in neighborhood watch groups also. He has information to share about what his department does, and we will share information about what we can do. Neighborhood associations are eligible for city funding for park improvement, special projects and speed humps. She will also invite our neighborhood watch block captains and neighborhood association members to attend this CAB meeting to inform all about both programs. In addition, Melissa Parra from the County Attorney's Office will be a speaker for the February CAB meeting. Leslie said she could have a speaker in March to talk to us about grants; also, that Maria Orona would like to speak to us.

Notes from Lt. Jaime Velasquez:

- Monthly meetings between TxDot and law enforcement commenced in December and have served for idea sharing to promote traffic safety.
- PAR participated in Christmas Angel Tree events in December in which they helped coordinate donated gifts be presented to needy children at Lee School, Mosaic Church, and to a private family.

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- 10 NERC officers along with other EPPD officers participated in the Cops Helping Kids event at Bassett Target. Officers accompanied individual kids select Christmas gifts donated by Target.
- Beer Run Operation conducted 2nd, 3rd, and 4th weekend of December to address rise in beer thefts at convenience stores.

Committee Reports:

Jessie Ruelas did not have a report.

Old Business:

Brooks said he does not have a construction completion date from TxDOT; hopes to have a briefing for next month; the finish date goal is March, 2014.

New Business:

Brooks has been working with the owners of Carinos on Airway and all uniformed officers will get 50% off on meals; they are considering it also on take-out service; the 50% off will be at all three locations. He said the CAB's first community project will be Franklin Park; to meet with the Parkland principal and the Ysleta superintendent to work with the school police officers; may have to go to city council to get a waiver for the school police to patrol the area. Clean-ups are scheduled for McCombs and 54.

Community Concerns:

Bill asked if the El Paso DOT could talk with us about some of the intersection signals. Brooks said Dyer is controlled by TxDOT and that road markings and signs are to be changed and signals retimed. An apartment manager asked about an assault she was aware of and the Chief explained how/when an assault could be charged. Another manager said there is a traffic problem at McCombs and Dyer. Carol told the CAB members that Bill made the year's meeting list and does a lot of collecting for the Officer of the Quarter Program in both time and gas. Then Jessie thanked Carol for her work for that program. Brooks talked with Fred Pacheco that the gangs are painting murals now and that graffiti is increasing – be sure to report graffiti by calling 311.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Mesler, Secretary

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***NEXT MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.***

Please call one of the following if you cannot be at the meeting:

Carol Mesler – 755-0209

Or

Isabel Hernandez (the commander's secretary) – 759-2051

“Let everything you do be done as if it makes a difference.”

William James (1842-1910)